

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-4, and add new claims 5 & 6, as shown in the complete list of claims that is present below.

1. (currently amended) A booking and issuing method of a an intranet ticket booking and issuing system including ~~a reservation system for accepting ticket booking requests via a communication line~~, a local computer being interconnected to said external reservation systems which accept ticket booking requests via said at least one communication line to issue the tickets booked in said external reservation systems, and a personal computer being interconnected to said local computer via a local area network and having an Internet connection function, comprising ~~the steps of:~~

a booking step for making a booking from said personal computer to one of said external reservation systems, said booking step including:

addressing a user's ticket booking commencement request to said local computer from said personal computer;

sending ~~information~~ URLs (Uniform Resource Locators) relating to said external reservation systems and address information of said external reservation systems from said local computer to said personal computer via said local area network in accordance with said ticket booking commencement request;

storing, in said personal computer, the ~~information~~ URLs sent from said local computer into a memory ~~for~~ and displaying ~~said~~ information

corresponding to the URLs relating to said external reservation systems on a screen for selection by the user;

reading out receiving, in said personal computer, the address a selection of the one of said external reservation systems by the user that is selected on said screen for selection and reading out the URL of the selected external reservation system from said memory;

connecting said personal computer to a website of the selected external reservation system via the Internet and displaying a reservation screen of the web site of the selected external reservation system;

completing a booking through the website, between said personal computer and the selected external reservation system, by transmitting and receiving information data including a booking number without the aid of said local computer via the Internet; and between said personal computer and the selected reservation system;

generating, in said personal computer, booking data of a predetermined format by compiling predetermined data included in the information data transmitted and received in said transmitting and receiving step into a predetermined form and sending a notification of completion of the booking and the booking data of the predetermined format to said local computer via said local area network; and

an issuance step fee issuing a booked ticket by said local computer, said issuance step including:

receiving, in said local computer, the notification of completion of the booking and the booking data of the predetermined format;

transmitting, ~~upon receiving said booking data,~~ data including said booking number ~~included in the~~ in the received booking data of the predetermined format from said local computer to the selected external reservation system via said at least one communication line, and

issuing, by said local computer, the ticket booked in ~~said the~~ selected external reservation system.

2. (currently amended) A ticket booking and issuing system including a plurality of external reservation systems for accepting ticket booking requests via a at least one communication line, a local computer being interconnected to said external reservation systems via said at least one communication line to issue the tickets booked in said external reservation systems, and a personal computer ~~being~~ interconnected to said local computer via a local area network and having an Internet connection function, comprising:

addressing means for addressing a user's ticket booking commencement request to said local computer from said personal computer;

sending means for sending ~~information~~ URLs (Uniform Resource Locators) relating to said reservation systems and address information of said external reservation systems from said local computer to said personal computer via said local area network in accordance with said ticket booking commencement request;

storing means for storing, in said personal computer, the ~~information~~ URLs sent from said local computer; ~~into a memory~~

display means for displaying ~~said information relating to said reservation system~~
corresponding to the URLs on a screen for selection by the user;

~~reading~~ receiving means for ~~reading out~~ receiving, in said personal computer, ~~the~~
~~address~~ a selection of one of the external reservation systems ~~that is selected on said screen~~
~~for selection by the user and for reading out of said from said memory for connecting said~~
~~personal computer to~~ storage means the URL of the selected external reservation system
via the Internet;

transmitting and receiving means for connecting said personal computer to a
website of the selected external reservation system and displaying a reservation screen
thereof on said display means, and for transmitting and receiving information data
including a booking number without the aid of said local computer via the Internet
between said personal computer and the selected external reservation system;

generating means for generating, in said personal computer, booking data of a
predetermined format by compiling predetermined data within the information data
transmitted and received in said transmitting and receiving means into a predetermined
form and sending a notification of completion of the booking and the booking data of the
predetermined format to said local computer via said local area network;

means for transmitting, upon receiving the booking data of a predetermined format,
data including said booking number included in the booking data from said local computer
to the selected external reservation system via said at least one communication line, and for
issuing the ticket booked in said the selected external reservation system, said means for
transmitting and for issuing being provided in said local computer.

3. (previously presented) A booking and issuing method according to claim 1, further comprising:

converting, in said local computer, the booking data received from said personal computer into data of a predetermined hypertext language to generate data for fare adjustment; and

storing the data for fare adjustment in said local computer.

4. (previously presented) A booking and issuing system according to claim 2, further comprising:

a converter provided in said local computer for converting the booking data received from said personal computer into data of a predetermined hypertext language to generate data for fare adjustment; and

a memory provided in said local computer for storing the data for fare adjustment.

5. (new) A booking and issuing method according to claim 1, further comprising:

a step of receiving instructions for the predetermined data format,

wherein the generating step generates, in response to the instructions, booking data of a common data-format using data displayed on the reservation screen of the selected external reservation system and sends the booking data of the common data-format to said local computer via said local area network, the common data-format being a data-format common to computers connected to said local area network.

6. (new) A booking and issuing system according to claim 2, wherein the

generating means generates, in response to the instructions, booking data of a

common data-format using data displayed on the reservation screen of the selected external reservation system and sends the booking data of the common data-format to said local computer via said local area network, the common data-format being a data-format common to computers connected to said local area network.